PASSIVE FORMS

Change the focus (from active to passive) using by where appropriate

They told me the film was good.
I ...........................................................................................................................................

Her mother taught her how to cook.
She ........................................................................................................................................

His boss offered him more money.
He ........................................................................................................................................

They promised me they would finish the work today.
I ...........................................................................................................................................

Someone in the street gave us free tickets for a concert.
We ........................................................................................................................................

They asked him to make a speech at the wedding.
He ........................................................................................................................................

Ask questions for the given answers. Use the passive form

Who ........................................................................................................................................ ?
The baby is being fed by a nurse.

What ........................................................................................................................................ ?
The cups were wrapped in soft plastic material.

Who ........................................................................................................................................ ?
The best whisky is produced by the Scots.

Who ........................................................................................................................................ ?
His possessions will be left to charities when he dies.

What ........................................................................................................................................ ?
This cake must be served with hot custard.

From active to passive. Use by + agent only if necessary.

They have offered her a good job. ....................................................................................

I cut the grass yesterday. .................................................................................................

The Red Cross is organizing a concert for charity. ....................................................

That building is dangerous. They should demolish it. ..............................................

He’s training that dog to lead the blind. .................................................................
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**Rewrite the sentences using the *passive form***

Hitchcock directed *Psycho*.
*Psycho* .................................................................

In Spain they dub most foreign films.
In Spain most foreign films .................................................................

They will shoot the film in three months.
The film .................................................................

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**From *passive* to *active***

Where is the film going to be shot?
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He has been beaten by no one in the 100 metres.
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Cricket is played in Sri Lanka.
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Was the winner photographed by the journalist?
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When will a film of the book be made?
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‘*Have something done*’: complete the sentences using the verbs in brackets

My car broke down last week so I had to ............................................ (repair).

I ................................................................. at the health centre yesterday. (my blood pressure / check)

Jim is ................................................................. tomorrow. (his new computer / deliver).

You’re sitting very close to the TV. ................................................................. recently? (your eyes / test)

I’m staying with my in-laws this week as I ............................................ . (my house / redecorate)

Have you ever thought of ................................................................. ? (your portrait / paint)
Put the verbs in brackets into the passive

A report has just come in that the Southgate warehouse ……………………………… (break into).
The gate ………………………………… (force) open last Friday night and two of the back windows ………………………………… (shattered). Someone, probably a tall male, left muddy footprints in the back hall. The owners told reporters that nothing very valuable ………………………………… (take); however, there is a lot of damage ………………………………… (repair). Police are working on the case now, and expect an arrest ………………………………… (make) within a week.

Change the sentences from the active to the passive voice

You can’t see the house from the street. The house …………………………………………………
‘They won’t correct your papers before Friday’. He said our papers ……………………………………
Someone took the towels out of the dryer. The towels ……………………………………………
Nobody’s going to steal your books from this room. Your books ………………………………………
People were telling me what to do all the time and I didn’t enjoy it.
I didn’t enjoy …………………………………………………………………………………………….

Choose one passive verb phrase for each space in the sentences

is also called  has also been used  had been sentenced
is believed  have been shown  may have been convicted
was released

DNA is the chemical in the cells of plants and animals which carries inherited characteristics, or genetic information. DNA testing can be used to identify each person as a unique individual on the basis of that genetic information. It ………………………………….. ‘genetic fingerprinting’. The results of DNA testing are now being accepted as evidence in cases where it ………………………………….. that the wrong person ………………………………….. of a crime. In recent years, more than seventy people ………………………………….. to be innocent through DNA testing. Many of those people ………………………………….. to life in prison. In one case, a man ………………………………….. after nineteen years in prison. DNA testing ………………………………….. in some murder cases that would never have been solved without it.

Put the verbs in brackets into the passive

In 1963, 26,000 costumes ……………………………… (use) in the film Cleopatra.
Classic films, like Hitchcock’s Rear Window, ………………………………… (see) by millions of people since they first came out.
At this very moment the troops ………………………………… (deploy).
From passive to active

My wallet has been stolen! .................................................................
A lot of people were arrested by the police during the riot ........................................

From active to passive. Use by + agent only if necessary.

Someone has thrown away the rubbish. ..................................................
His associate should tell him immediately. .............................................
They gave him a lot of money. ...............................................................

Put the verbs in brackets into the passive form

Marilyn Monroe died while her last film, The Misfits, ...................... (shoot). After her death, some people thought that she ......................... (murder) by the CIA.
Nowadays many special effects .............................. (create) by computers.
Last year, all over the world hundreds of films .................. (make).
In the mid-21st century many more films ...................... (see) on home videos and computers than in the cinema.